

REMARKS


The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependency and to make them more idiomatic for US practice.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Respectfully submitted,

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